

WILL RELEASE
PASSENGERS
ON THE APPAM

Formalities Incident to Such
Action Taken Up To-day
So That People May Leave
the Former British Steam-
ship Now at Old Point
Comfort

STATE DEPARTMENT
HAS BIG QUESTION

It Is to Determine Whether
the Appam Is a Prize of
War for the Germans—
Secretary Lansing Has
Reached No Decision—A
Mysterious Raider Is Told
About

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 2.—Prince Von Hatzfeldt, the personal representative of Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, arrived here to-day to confer with Lieutenant Berge, the commander of the prize crew which yesterday brought the British steamer Appam into this port flying a German man-of-war flag, and others and report to the German embassy.

"I am certain," said Prince Von Hatzfeldt, "that under the treaty of the United States with Prussia that the Appam will be declared a war prize and turned over to the German prize crew. The passengers undoubtedly will be liberated shortly."

The Appam continued to ride an anchor a quarter of a mile off Old Point Comfort to-day and no visitors were permitted to board her. The Appam brought word of a mysterious German raider of commerce.

From all reports, the raider is a converted German merchantman with a false canvas forecastle concealing a battery of guns of fairly large calibre. On Jan. 17, she engaged in battle an armed Australian trader, the Clan MacTavish, which sank after an exciting combat, with a loss of 15 men killed on the Clan MacTavish. The Appam, which was 10 miles away at the time in charge of a prize crew, steamed hurriedly back to the scene and rescued four members of the crew of the sinking Clan MacTavish struggling in the water.

Later, under orders from the commander of the raider, Lieutenant Berge headed his prize for an American port and parted company with the Moeve.

On Jan. 10 the Moeve captured and sank the British steamship Farrington, carrying 500 tons of copper ore. Later the same day she captured the British steamship Corbridge, with a cargo of 6,000 tons of coal. The Moeve did not sink the vessel, but sent a crew aboard and held her as a collier.

For three days the Moeve was inactive and then the British admiral's transport Dromedary hove in sight on Jan. 13. She offered no resistance and was captured and sunk before the day was over, the raider had met and destroyed the British steamship Author, carrying 8,000 tons of general cargo, and the admiral's transport Trader with 6,000 tons of sugar.

No ship of the enemy was sighted on the 14th, but on the 15th the British steamer Ariadne crossed the raider's path and was sent to the bottom with her cargo of 5,000 tons of wheat.

Next day, the 18th, there appeared the biggest prize of all, the liner Appam, carrying 8,000 tons of general merchandise, including a large quantity of cocoa. One or two shots were fired at the Appam, but there was no real fight.

The Moeve approached the liner flying the British ensign and exchanged salutes with her. When she was close enough to cross the Appam's bow she ran up the German flag and lowered the false forecastle, disclosing her armament.

No one knows where the Moeve came from except the prize crew aboard the Appam, nor where she went after the battle with the Clan MacTavish. Apparently all the operations revealed by the arrival of the Appam took place in the vicinity of the Canary islands.

HOW THE APPAM WAS CAUGHT.

The Raider Appeared Like Tramp Steamer
But Had Masked Battery.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 2.—Pilot Foster, who brought the Appam into Hampton Roads, last night told the story of capture as it was related to him by Captain Harrison. This is Captain Harrison's story of the Appam's capture as Foster told it:

"It was a bright, clear day when we were captured. We were moving along at a fair rate of speed when suddenly in the distance I saw what appeared to be an ordinary tramp steamer. Gradually she came closer. We did not fear her and continued ahead with no attempt to escape, nor without making preparations to combat her, as we certainly expected no attack.

"Suddenly the tramp fired a shot from a small gun across our bows. I immediately gave the order to stop. As I did so the false forecastle hove mad apparently of canvas or some other flimsy material fell away and revealed a battery of huge guns. It immediately was apparent that resistance was useless, so we surrendered without offering resistance.

"Once aboard the Appam the German prize crew under the protection of the battery of guns of the raider immediately disarmed the Appam crew and locked them in various cabins. A similar precaution was taken with the prisoners.

rious vessels sunk by the Germans then were placed aboard the Appam.

"When the race for Hampton Roads started a member of the prize crew was stationed at the wireless for the purpose of receiving all messages but to send none. By this method the whereabouts of the British cruisers patrolling the regular ocean lanes were always known to Lieutenant Berge, who steered far out of reach of them.

"The crew and passengers of the captured vessel were given daily exercise but only in small numbers at a time. Thus it was very easy for the few Germans to control several hundred captives."

The crew and passengers, according to Foster, had no complaint to make over their treatment.

STATE DEPARTMENT
CONSIDERS CASE

Status of British Liner Brought in By
German Crew Is Difficult Problem
—Passengers To Be Freed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Secretary of State Lansing said early to-day that the state department had not yet reached a decision as to its attitude toward the British liner Appam which was brought into Hampton Roads by a German crew yesterday. The formalities surrounding the release of the passengers and other non-combatants on the ship will be taken up to-day. Any prisoners of war will be released, because the law permits no holding of war prisoners in a neutral country.

The United States, then, finally, will have to deal with the German crew under Lieutenant Berge, and if they are accounted in the naval service of Germany as were the crews of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and the Kronprinz Wilhelm, already interned at the Norfolk yard, they too will be interned unless their ship goes to sea to run the cordon of British cruisers outside.

As to the disposition of the Appam herself, if she is held to be an auxiliary cruiser, her commander will have the option of putting to sea after a certain time to make repairs and take provisions. If she is declared a prize the situation becomes more complicated, and in that event it is admitted that the United States will have to deal with probably the most novel question concerning its neutrality that has arisen during the war.

It was pointed out at the state department that there is much confusion in the treaties and provisions of international law on the subject of prizes; the right to convert captured vessels into auxiliary warships and the right of reclamation by the original owners, etc.

BRITISH ARE STARTLED

Over the Appearance of the Liner Appam
at Hampton Roads.

London, Feb. 2.—To say that the reappearance of the British steamer Appam caused a tremendous sensation in England is putting it mildly.

SMALL STRIKE IN BURLINGTON.

15 Electrical Workers Quit When Their
Demands Were Refused.

Burlington, Feb. 2.—About 15 of the employees of the Burlington Light & Power company, who are members of the recently organized electrical workers' union, left their work yesterday morning and walked out, when their demands for a new scale of wages were refused by the company. Only three of the men are engaged at the electric light plant, the others being employed in the wiring in houses and in the installing of electrical fixtures, so that their leaving will not interfere with the company's supplying of light to its patrons or seriously hinder their work. It is understood that the action of the men at the Burlington Light & Power company yesterday will not affect the electrical workers at the city light department, the telephone company or the other electric plants in the city.

The men are reported to have demanded an eight-hour day, instead of the present nine-hour day, with the same wage scale that is in force on the nine-hour basis. The Burlington Light & Power company offered to let them work only eight hours, but wished to pay them for only eight hours, instead of nine hours' work, as at present. When the matter was not adjusted, all of the union men in the company's employ left their work. The union presented their demands to the company some time ago, and the men have recently been working only eight hours a day and receiving pay for that amount of time, but were not satisfied with the condition of affairs.

MEXICAN BAND
ATTACKS TRAIN

General Orenelas, Former Villa Lieutenant,
Reported to Have Been
Killed.

El Paso, Feb. 1.—A Mexican Central train which left Juarez Sunday was attacked yesterday at Laguna, north of Chihuahua City, presumably by bandits, according to a report sent here by railroad employees at Chihuahua City.

A number of foreigners were in the train when it left Juarez.

General Thomas Orenelas, former Villa commandant at Juarez, who fled to American territory when Villa sent General Medina Vela to execute him, was reported to have been killed in the attack.

ONLY ONE SET SPEECH

To Be Made By Pres. Wilson To-day,
That at Des Moines.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—President Wilson left Chicago at 10 o'clock this morning to continue his speaking tour in the Middle West. His chief address to-day will be at Des Moines this evening, but en route he will make a number of five-minute speeches from the platform of the train.

Probate Court Today.

In probate court today Josephine Clark settled her accounts as administratrix of the estate of Daniel F. Clark, late of Montpelier. Melville E. Smith rendered his annual account as executor of the will of Amanda Newton; George E. Sanders of Calais settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Charles Orenelas, late of Calais.

AIR RAID MAY
MEAN ATTACK
ON SALONIKI

Teutonic Airships Dropped
Inflammable Bombs on the
City Now Held by the Al-
lies, Killing and Wounding
Many People

COMBINED LAND
ATTACK EXPECTED

Despatches from the Bal-
kans Say the Germans,
Bulgarians, and 150,000
Turks are Preparing for a
Great Offensive Movement

Military operations along the various fronts appear pretty much at a standstill for the moment. Aerial movements have constituted the chief activities of late except for German advances at important sectors of the line in France. Satisfaction is expressed in German newspapers over the latest Zeppelin attack on England, the military importance of the localities visited being emphasized.

Indications of possible notable developments in the Balkans are contained in to-day's despatches. One from Athens declares that, according to information in military quarters, the Germans and Bulgarians, together with a force of 150,000 Turks, are likely to begin an attack on Saloniki the middle of this month.

In Mesopotamia, the British are still being prevented from attempting an advance, owing to the prevalence of bad weather and floods.

13 SLAIN BY BOMBS
IN AIR ATTACK
ON SALONIKI

In Addition 50 Were Injured as Inflammable
Missiles Were Hurlled
From a Zeppelin This
Morning.

Saloniki, Tuesday, via Paris, Wednesday, Feb. 2.—Two Greek soldiers, five refugees and seven workmen were killed and 50 civilians were injured by inflammable bombs dropped from a Zeppelin this morning.

54 WERE KILLED.

In German Air Raid on England Last
Monday Night.

London, Feb. 2.—Fifty-four persons killed and 67 injured was the result of the raid of German airships over Norfolk, Suffolk, Dorsetshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Lincolnshire Monday night, according to the official report of the British government. In all, 220 bombs were dropped from aircraft, and considerable material damage was done.

Berlin reports that all the airships returned safely to their base in spite of the heavy fire directed upon them from all points, none of them having been hit.

Berlin asserts that at Liverpool, Birkenhead and Manchester and along the Humber, docks, blast furnaces and factories were attacked, heavy explosions and serious fires resulting. On the Humber a battery was silenced.

BOTH SHIPS AFLOAT
AFTER COLLISION;
ONE DISABLED

Japanese Steamer Takata Maru and the
American Steamer Silver Shell Struck
off Cape Race Last Night.

Halifax, Feb. 2.—The Japanese steamer Takata Maru and the American steamer Silver Shell, reported in collision 200 miles southeast of Cape Race last night, were afloat at 4 o'clock this morning, according to a wireless message received at Cape Race from the Takata Maru.

A message from Cape Race to the marine and fisheries department said: "At 4 a. m. received wireless that Takata Maru reports engine room and stoke hold flooded." It also reported that it had been sending out numerous calls for assistance and the steamer Silver Shell was standing by. The Silver Shell reports all well.

SERIOUSLY HURT COASTING.

Dr. C. Franklin Ross Injured at West
Hartford.

Lebanon, N. H., Feb. 2.—Dr. C. Franklin Ross, a leading dentist here and son of Station Agent Charles R. Ross, had a narrow escape while sliding down a steep hill in West Hartford, Ct., when he was thrown from the sled rendering him unconscious, breaking several small bones in one foot, badly injuring his shoulder and cutting his head and face.

Doctor Ross was brought to his home here and on account of the swollen condition of his foot, will be taken to the Mary Hitchcock hospital in Hanover where the foot will be placed in a plaster cast and his physicians say it will be several months before he will be able to step on it.

Dr. William D. Hazen, another local dentist who was with Doctor Ross at the time was severely bruised but not seriously injured.

The two men, who were spending the afternoon at the home of Doctor Hazen's parents in West Hartford, were sliding on a traverse on the ice when they came in contact with a furrow of bare ground.

The impact was such that the sled was broken to splinters.

FOUR JUDGMENTS
WERE AFFIRMED

And Two Were Reversed By Vermont
Supreme Court—State Cases of Wesley
North and Lucy Weston of Barre
Disposed of By Respondents
Being Sentenced.

Two Rutland county cases were argued in supreme court this morning and in another case from the same county, Gustavus A. Haskins vs. U. S. Weaver, negligence, Attorney Lawrence, counsel for the plaintiff, asked that judgment be affirmed without further hearing. His request was taken under consideration. The cases heard to-day were Walter S. Fenton, apt., as administrator of Mary H. Hodges, deceased, vs. Eugene H. Hodges, executor, Malina S. Hodges, executrix, an appeal from probate commissioners and a companion case, Edward W. Hodges, apt., vs. Eugene H. Hodges, estate, Malina S. Hodges, ex. In the first case W. S. Fenton appeared for himself and M. C. Webber was counsel for the defendants in both cases. C. L. Howe represented the plaintiff in the latter case.

Yesterday afternoon opinions were given by the court as follows: Caledonia county—Francis J. Gillilan, apt., vs. estate of William J. Gillilan, James Allen, adm.; judgment for the plaintiff for \$1,727.14 affirmed and petition for new trial dismissed without cost; Taylor, justice.

Franklin county—First National Bank of Enosburg Falls vs. E. E. Bamforth; judgment reversed and judgment for defendant to recover his costs; Powers, justice. In the lower court the plaintiff obtained damages of \$1,475.79.

Rutland county—Joseph Labadie, adm., of estate of Louis Petti, vs. Old English State Co., negligence, judgment reversed and new trial granted on terms that plaintiff pay defendant costs up to this trial; Powers, justice. The plaintiff obtained a \$4,000 verdict in county court.

Orleans county—Herbert Dailey vs. Swift & Co., judgment affirmed as result of amended declaration without costs in supreme court; Munson, justice.

Windham county—H. S. Stevens vs. E. E. Blood, judgment for plaintiff to recover \$413.38 affirmed; Taylor, justice.

Washington county—State vs. Wesley North, adultery, judgment affirmed; State vs. Lucy Weston, motion granted by lower court to arrest judgment overruled and respondent sentenced to more than year and a half in the house of correction.

Two cases which had been set for hearing at this term were assigned for hearing at the special Brattleboro term after a request had been made by Attorney F. E. Barber that judgment be affirmed because of the failure of counsel for other side to continue the prosecution.

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GERMANY SAYS
AN AGREEMENT
IS POSSIBLE

A Semi-Official Statement
from Berlin Declares That
New Instructions Have
Been Sent to Von Bern-
storff on the Lusitania Af-
fair

"REASONABLE HOPE
OF UNDERSTANDING"

Statement Is Accompanied
by Assertion That It Was
Made Because of Alarm-
ing English Reports About
the Nature of German-
American Relations

Berlin, via wireless, Feb. 2.—Instructions have been sent by the German government to Ambassador Von Bernstorff at Washington of such a nature as to give reasonable hope for a positive understanding concerning the Lusitania affair, it was announced semi-officially to-day. The Overseas news agency says the announcement was made "in connection with alarming English reports about the nature of German-American relations."

A TURK AMONG APPLICANTS

For Citizenship Papers at Session of the
Naturalization Court in Barre.

Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court, who has been busy this week with prospective citizens intent on finally securing the franchise, found time to come to Barre Tuesday afternoon, to meet an assembly of 25 prospective citizens ready for the preliminary steps. Court convened in the court room at city hall and did not adjourn until after 9 o'clock last night. Twelve candidates applied for second papers, and there were 13 applications for papers of the first class. Finland, Scotland, Spain, Great Britain, Canada and Italy were represented in the two groups, and for the first time in a number of years, a native of Turkey made the first move in Barre to secure his allegiance to the stars and stripes. Nearly all of the applicants live in Barre or Barre town.

Second papers were granted as follows: William Reid Emslie, Scotland; George S. Sironi, Italy; Luigi Muro, Italy; Roland Revora, Italy; Pekka Kakkinen, Finland; Andrew Korpele, Finland; Giuseppe Capra, Italy; Arthur H. Land, England; Thomas Nicol, Scotland; Raffaele Berzillo, Italy; Giovanni Scopol, Italy; Vincenzo Lettini, Italy.

Applicants who received their first papers are: Battista Piccinelli, Italy; Toivo Puro, Finland; Akse Rimpola, Finland; Gregorios M. Dragokis, Turkey; Enrico Romano, Italy; Roberto C. Colombo, Italy; Herman A. Jarvinen, Finland; Andrew J. Koistinen, Finland; Jose Gandara, Spain; Jacob N. Hevito, Finland; Philip J. Canton, Canada; Robert M. McDonald, Scotland; John McAndrew, Scotland.

The second day's session of U. S. court held in the federal building at Montpelier to-day found equally as many applicants for citizenship as on the first day and as the result of the two days' session of naturalization court nearly four score citizens will be added to the country.

Yesterday afternoon five were granted their final papers as follows: George E. Cassavani, Canada; Websterville; Kenneth McKay, Scotland; Grantville; Enrico Mancini, Italy; Websterville; Antonio Sabatini, Italy; Websterville; Antonio Sineio, Montpelier, Austria.

Those admitted to citizenship to-day were as follows: Remigio Soati, Italy; Montpelier; Giovanni Rosso, Italy; Barre; Peter H. Hamel, Canada, Barre; James Rothnie, Scotland, Barre; James Grant Forrest, Scotland, Barre; Alexander Ross, Scotland, Barre; John Gellatly, Scotland, Barre; Giovanni Buttrini, Italy, Barre; Alexander B. Reid, Scotland, Barre; Arthur Castie, Canada, Barre; Alexander Moir, Scotland, Barre; Giovanni Sassi, Italy, Barre; Carlo Brunetti, Italy, Barre; Angelo Felice Tanetto, Italy, Hardwick; Antonio Labrana, Spain, Barre; Christian P. Jensen, Denmark, Barre; Antonio Riva, Spain, Montpelier; Remigio Gomez, Spain, Montpelier; Antonio Bianchi, Italy, Barre; Frank Alexander McPherson, Scotland, Barre; Felice Marchesi, Italy, Barre; Alexander Robertson, Scotland, Barre; William Gordon Bennett Melville, Scotland, Barre; James Alexander Webster, Scotland, Barre; William Duff Gellatly, Scotland, Barre; Attilio Stella, Italy, Barre; Gillette Paoletti, Italy, Barre; James Elia Pinardi, Italy, Barre.

This afternoon at 4 Clerk Platt will await applications for the final papers and will grant the first papers to applicants.

United States District Attorney V. A. Bullard of Burlington is attending to-day's session of court.

DEATH CAUSE UNCERTAIN.

Claude Noble May Have Died of Blow or
from Drowning.

Rochester, Feb. 2.—Claude Noble, a native of Kingston, Me., employed by the American Realty company at Rochester, while drawing a load of baled hay Monday afternoon to the West Rochester market, was thrown into the river at the Guernsey bridge. When taken from the water he was dead. There was a wound on his head, and it is not known whether death was caused by the wound or by drowning. His remains were removed to the home of Wesley Hanson at Robinson, where he had made his home.

DEATH OF SCHOOL JANITOR.

Isaac Clark Given of the Ayers Street
Building Died This Morning.

Isaac Clark Given passed away at his home, 150 South Main street, this morning at 2 o'clock, death being due to hardening of the arteries with kidney complications. Mr. Given had been engaged for the past three years as janitor at the Ayers street school. Last Thursday, he suffered an attack of illness at the schoolhouse and was removed to his home. Thereafter his condition declined steadily. He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Mrs. J. W. Jackson; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Tucker of New Paltz, N. Y., and Mrs. Winifred Vining, who lives at home, and one son, Charles A. Given of Baldwinville, Mass. A second son, Herman E. Given, died of typhoid fever in Chelsea, Mass., 15 years ago.

Mr. Given was born in St. Albans, Me., April 3, 1843. Thirty years ago he left Maine and for 20 years more thereafter he was employed as a cabinet and chairmaker in Baldwinville and Chelsea. For ten years he was in the employ of the Holman Chair Co. of Chelsea and for a period of equal length with the Smith-Dele company in Baldwinville. While in Massachusetts he was for many years a deacon in the Congregational church at Baldwinville, and after his removal to Barre he continued his fellowship in the same denomination, associating himself with the Congregational church here. Ten years ago he came to this city, and with Mrs. Given had lived some time with Mrs. Leroy Norris of South Main street. Had he lived until Feb. 11, he and Mrs. Given, who was Miss Ellen Emery, a native of St. Albans, Me., would have observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

It is expected that the remains will be taken to-morrow to Baldwinville, Mass., where the funeral and interment are to take place Friday afternoon.

LONG A RESIDENT OF BARRE.

Mrs. Mary Kelman, Widow of Granite
Manufacturer, Died Last Night.

Mrs. Mary Kelman, widow of William Kelman, remembered by many people in this city as one of the pioneers in the development of the Barre granite industry, passed away at 8:30 o'clock last evening at the home of Mrs. W. J. Rogers of Allen street, where she had long resided. Mrs. Kelman had been in failing health for many years. She is survived by two brothers, James Mitchell of Montpelier and Edmund Mitchell of Salisbury, N. C., and a half-brother, William Sterling of Manitoba. Two nephews, Robert Duncan and James M. Duncan, reside in Barre.

Mrs. Kelman was born Mary Mitchell in Scotland in September, 1858, and was, therefore, in her 58th year. With her husband, she came to Barre around 32 years ago and had resided here since. Mr. Kelman early engaged in the granite manufacturing business and with his partner erected the stone shed on Blackwell street, now owned by the firm of Leclair & McNulty. Mr. Kelman's death occurred 18 years ago. The deceased was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. Rogers on Allen street on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. W. J. Beattie will be the officiating clergyman and interment will be made in the family lot in Hope cemetery.

MANY FRIENDS ATTENDED

Funeral of Angelo Colombo and Marched
to Cemetery.

The Italian colony paid a marked tribute to one of their number yesterday, when the funeral of Angelo Colombo, who died Saturday afternoon after a long illness, was held at his home, 16 George street. More than 100 men participated in the obsequies at the house, and afterward acted as an escort while the remains were being taken to Hope cemetery for interment in the family lot. There were many fine floral tributes. The following men acted as bearers: Joseph Comelli, Alexander Colombo, Achille Colombo, L. Wanetti, C. Bianchi and E. Olgiati.

Floral tributes included the following: Carnations, Mr. and Mrs. A. Abbiatti and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Molla, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Rizzi, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Colombo, Mr. and Mrs. G. Calogni, Mr. and Mrs. E. Faldini and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Sanguinetti, Mrs. S. Fontana and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. Boffino, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parnigoni, Mr. and Mrs. R. Calderara, Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Malnati; bouquet, Charles Sassi, Natale Fontana, William Forbes, Romeo Scampini, Mario Bianchi; bouquet, A. Martinetti and family; carnations, Achille Colombo; pillow, family; heart, brothers, Natale Colombo and Battista Colombo, sisters, Mrs. Francesco Abbiatti and Mrs. Gusto Alfoso; wreath, nephews, Frank Abbiatti, Louis Abbiatti, nieces, Mrs. F. Marchesi and Miss Rose Abbiatti; wreath, Societa Mamma Soccorso; roses, Mr. and Mrs. Lumperli and family; bouquet, Miss Harriet E. Houston, Karl E. Keith, Thomas H. Hoy, Ralph Nye; roses, carnations and lilies, Mr. and Mrs. A. Abbiatti and family; roses and carnations, employees of H. J. Smith.

ENTITLED TO FAIR MONEY.

Rutland County Society Favored By At-
torney General's Opinion.

Brattleboro, Feb. 1.—Attorney General Herbert G. Barber to-day notified State Auditor Graham that in his opinion the Rutland County Agricultural society is entitled to a share of the state appropriation for agricultural fairs. Marshall J. Haggood of Peru had objected on the ground that the Rutland fair licensed gambling devices.

The Rutland county state's attorney, after investigation, reported he could not substantiate Mr. Haggood's complaint, and Attorney General Barber found that the Rutland fair officials had complied with the statute as to affidavits that no gambling devices could be licensed. The appropriation for the other fairs has been held up pending the outcome of Mr. Haggood's complaint as to the Rutland fair.

CROSSED GREAT WALL.

Chinese Insurgents Are Now Besieging
Datuma.

London, Feb. 1.—Mongolian insurgents have crossed the great wall of China and the advance guard of 2,000 is besieging the city of Datuma, according to a dispatch from Mukden forwarded by the Reuters' correspondent at Petrograd, session.

FREE RENT
PETITIONS

Opera House Much Sought
as Forum for Various
Presentations

ADVENTIST FAIR
TO MOVE

But Request of Medical and
Temperance Men Were
Granted

Over the doorway that frames an entrance to the council chamber at city hall, a wag, or wags, unknown posted a placard last night, inscribed with a passage from Dante's "Inferno," which reads, "All hope abandon, ye who enter here." To the councilors, most of whom said they recognized the wag's work as a quotation from holy writ, the joke was dismissed as the prank of an idle mind, and they settled down to the business of their fortnightly session with wonted resignation. But the legend, printed on the placard was the subject of considerable comment from persons passing through the corridor to the city court, where Clerk F. S. Platt was doing his best to put a sizeable grist of would-be citizens through the first hopper of the naturalization mill.

Others who had business with the city fathers were observed to scan the inscription closely and then glance furtively and furtively through the frosted pane glass that separates the council chamber from the corridor, rabble, only to make quick shift to hasten on, as if the alchemy practiced inside was the very least of their worries.

So it happened that visitors last night were not very numerous. Elder H. E. Miles, who was later to address the councilmen at length, was not so disposed to take the message literally as were the feckless brethren who had gone before. He passed in. Likewise Inspector George Rand of the building department, who never did set much of a store by Dante, anyway. The matter of the placard rendered a mystery, but the city hall janitor, G. A. Bemis, got his instructions afterward to remove the quotation before it could keep any more visitors away from the people's room.

Elder Miles' remarks before the council broke the ice for a general discussion on the question of granting free use of the city hall, Mr. Miles represented him as a member of the Seventh day Adventist church, who has come here to participate in a series of meetings. Disclaiming any idea of proselytizing, the elder stated that he expected Catholics, Protestants, infidels, agnostics, etc., alike to patronize his meetings. A part of his address was concerned with life in the lumber woods, and the remarks terminated with a request that he be given the free use of the opera house for a series of Sunday evening meetings.

Following closely on the request of Elder Miles came a communication from the Ministers' union asking for the use of the theatre on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 20, when it was stated, an ex-governor of Tennessee is to speak on temperance in the interests of the Anti-Saloon league of Vermont. Just as some of the aldermen were found opposing the petition of the Adventists on the ground that the city should not provide a meeting place for any particular sect, so others were disposed to look askance at the Anti-Saloon league's request, on